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Statement on the Reauthorization of NAHASDA

The primary source of funding for housing development at the Acoma Pueblo is IHBG funding under NAHASDA. PAHA maintains homeownership and rental units, all built with IHBG and other HUD administered funding. NAHASDA contributes to the local economy of Native communities. Without these programs, in Acoma there wouldn't be the homes for low income families.

Due to the lack of water and waste water systems and the high cost of housing development, PAHA's housing efforts in the last five years has been dedicated to the rehabilitation of dilapidated homes. The remoteness of Acoma and the inaccessibility of utilities impacts the total development cost of each unit, which is \$338,670 for a modest home.

From 2012 to 2016, PAHA completed 67 rehabilitation projects by leveraging its IHBG funds with other federal and state resources, including ICDBG funds and New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) funds. Even then, PAHA's waiting list for homes in need of rehabilitation is 50 homes. In 2012 -2014, PAHA used ICDBG funds to rehabilitate 21 homes for low- and moderate- income elderly and disabled tribal members and their families. The Pueblo received ICDBG funding in FY 2015 for 4 new housing units.

To address the lack of water and waste water systems, in FYs 2012 and 2013, Acoma built a water and waste water system with \$1,034,895 of IHS Facilities Construction funds. In 2015 PAHA used its IHBG funds to construct a sewer main extension to serve housing needs. PAHA plans to use its FY 2017 allocation of \$1.1 million to rehabilitate 15 dilapidated homes.

NAHASDA NEEDS TO BE REAUTHORIZED

Sincerely,

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